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1. JOSE IGNACIO RASCO, FIRST PRESIDENT MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO DE CUBA (MDC) CURRENTLY ATTENDING ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY (DC) SEMINAR ROME ATTENDED ALSO BY SOUTH AMERICAN REPS.
2. RASCO SEEKING FINANCIAL AID FOR MDC FROM EUROPEAN DC PARTIES. APPARENTLY ITALIAN DC NOT OFFERING AID BUT DC SECRETARIAT REFERRED SUBJ TO ⁰¹DEPAVE 2 ⁰¹WHO INSTRUCTED ⁰¹DEPAVE 30 MAKE CONTACT.
3. 15 SEPTEMBER 63, ⁰¹DEPAVE 30 UNDER COVER JOURNALIST INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC MATTERS RE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CONTACTED SUBJ WHO STATED: AFTER LEAVING CUBA WENT VENEZUELA. NOW RESIDING MIAMI. NOT IN CONTACT NOW WITH AMERICANS CLAIMING THEY WANT NO INVOLVEMENT MDC ASSERTEDLY DUE CURRENT MOSCOW-WASH DISTENSION POLICY. MDC IN CONTACT WITH CUBA VIA RADIO AND COURIER (OR COURIERS) MAKING WEEKLY RUN. MDC HAS POORLY ARMED GUERRILLAS AND PENETRATIONS IN CUBA POLICE AND "ALL" BRANCHES OF GOVT. RASCO IN POSITION REPORT ON DISPATCHING OF CASTRO MEN FOR PROPAGANDA AND OTHER PURPOSES TO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES.
4. BECAUSE OF COVER ⁰¹DEPAVE 30 COULD NOT PRESS FOR FURTHER DETAILS. ⁰¹DEPAVE 2 ASKED SMITHAM IF HE DESIRED TALK TO SUBJ WITH ⁰¹DEPAVE 30 AS COLLEAGUE OF LATTER. WAS TOLD CONTACT NOT DESIRED. SUBJ LEAVING ROME

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GROUPS.

5. NO STATION TRACES.

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6. REQUEST TRACES, INDICATING WHAT INFO WE MAY PASS DEPAVE 2.

7. INDEX RASCO.

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